

Table 105. Property crimes, 2002:

[Download spreadsheet version](#)**Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,  
by race of head of household and type of crime**

| Race and reason<br>for not reporting       | All<br>property<br>crimes | Percent of reasons for not reporting |                       |                           |                |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|  |                           | Total                                | Household<br>Burglary | Motor<br>vehicle<br>theft | Theft          |
| <b>White</b>                               |                           |                                      |                       |                           |                |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>10,943,840</b>         | <b>100.0 %</b>                       | <b>100.0 %</b>        | <b>100.0 %</b>            | <b>100.0 %</b> |
| Reported to another official               | 1,038,470                 | 9.5                                  | 4.0                   | 9.6 *                     | 10.3           |
| Private or personal matter                 | 573,210                   | 5.2                                  | 5.6                   | 4.5 *                     | 5.2            |
| Object recovered; offender unsuccessful    | 2,900,170                 | 26.5                                 | 22.3                  | 35.7                      | 27.0           |
| Not important enough                       | 383,530                   | 3.5                                  | 3.5                   | 2.0 *                     | 3.5            |
| Insurance would not cover                  | 273,020                   | 2.5                                  | 3.3                   | 2.1 *                     | 2.4            |
| Not aware crime occurred until later       | 662,240                   | 6.1                                  | 10.4                  | 14.7 *                    | 5.3            |
| Unable to recover property; no ID no.      | 821,380                   | 7.5                                  | 4.4                   | 0.0 *                     | 8.0            |
| Lack of proof                              | 1,280,510                 | 11.7                                 | 13.1                  | 4.3 *                     | 11.6           |
| Police would not want to be bothered       | 887,470                   | 8.1                                  | 9.1                   | 4.1 *                     | 8.0            |
| Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased | 341,000                   | 3.1                                  | 6.5                   | 2.1 *                     | 2.6            |
| Fear of reprisal                           | 64,430                    | 0.6                                  | 1.0 *                 | 1.9 *                     | 0.5            |
| Too inconvenient or time consuming         | 399,120                   | 3.6                                  | 3.3                   | 7.9 *                     | 3.7            |
| Other reasons                              | 1,319,290                 | 12.1                                 | 13.7                  | 11.0 *                    | 11.8           |
| <b>Black</b>                               |                           |                                      |                       |                           |                |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>1,618,720</b>          | <b>100.0 %</b>                       | <b>100.0 %</b>        | <b>100.0 %</b>            | <b>100.0 %</b> |
| Reported to another official               | 171,370                   | 10.6                                 | 3.7 *                 | 13.3 *                    | 11.9           |
| Private or personal matter                 | 77,070                    | 4.8                                  | 2.0 *                 | 6.9 *                     | 5.3            |
| Object recovered; offender unsuccessful    | 326,100                   | 20.1                                 | 12.8                  | 29.3 *                    | 21.4           |
| Not important enough                       | 33,090                    | 2.0                                  | 2.0 *                 | 0.0 *                     | 2.1 *          |
| Insurance would not cover                  | 37,910                    | 2.3                                  | 1.6 *                 | 0.0 *                     | 2.5            |
| Not aware crime occurred until later       | 80,180                    | 5.0                                  | 6.2 *                 | 9.1 *                     | 4.6            |
| Unable to recover property; no ID no.      | 114,460                   | 7.1                                  | 7.7 *                 | 0.0 *                     | 7.1            |
| Lack of proof                              | 199,340                   | 12.3                                 | 15.5                  | 7.4 *                     | 11.8           |
| Police would not want to be bothered       | 146,850                   | 9.1                                  | 17.1                  | 0.0 *                     | 7.7            |
| Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased | 73,130                    | 4.5                                  | 7.9 *                 | 17.6 *                    | 3.5            |
| Fear of reprisal                           | 18,610 *                  | 1.1 *                                | 1.1 *                 | 0.0 *                     | 1.2 *          |
| Too inconvenient or time consuming         | 52,230                    | 3.2                                  | 7.2 *                 | 0.0 *                     | 2.5            |
| Other reasons                              | 288,380                   | 17.8                                 | 15.2                  | 16.4 *                    | 18.4           |

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Excludes data on persons of "Other" races.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.